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SUBJECT: WIFE OF GOM PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE SUPPORTS FAMILY
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1. IN SEPT. 24 ARTICLE HEADLINED "'FAMILY PLANNING, EVIDENT
NECESSITY'" MRS. LOPEZ PORTILLO," WIFE OF PRI PRESIDENTIAL
CANDIDATE LOPEZ PORTILLO CONFIRMED NECESSITY OF
DEMOGRAPHIC POLICY OF FAMILY PLANNING AND RESPONSIBLE
PARENTHOOD PROGRAMS IN MEXICO.

2. THIS ARTICLE REINFORCES EXCELSIOR EDITORIAL OF PREVIOUS
WEEK REBUTTING MEXICAN BISHOPS' RIGHT-TO-LIFE STATEMENT
ISSUED AT MEXICO CITY EPISCOPATE CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 12.
EXCELSIOR EDITORIAL ADVOCATED "ETHICAL LEGITIMACY" OF
USE OF SCIENTIFIC ADVANCEMENTS TO REGULATE LIFE, AN
ABILITY WHICH EXCELSIOR DECLARED DISTINGUISHED MAN FROM
REST OF ANIMAL KINGDOM.

3. OTHER COMMENTS CONTESTING MEXICAN BISHOPS' DECLARATION
INCLUDE STATEMENT BY UNDERSECRETARY EDUCATION BONFIL THAT
MEXICAN POPULATION LAWS HAD BEEN COMPOSED BY
RESPONSIBLE, CAPABLE CITIZENS AND SHOULD BE HEHEDED.
IF THIS IS NOT DONE, BONFIL NOTED THAT MEXICO WITH
ITS HIGH POPULATION GROWTH RATE WILL CONDEMN ITS
CHILDREN TO CANNIBALISM. BRANDIN

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